

INTO MASON: HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES GRADUATE PATHWAYS

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Requirements

Graduate International Pathways to master's degrees in Humanities and Social Sciences

INTO Mason provides Graduate International Pathways for international students to enter various graduate degrees in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/>) at George Mason University. The pathways give students the academic foundation, essential language skills, and cultural knowledge to successfully move on to their master's degree programs. For most students, enrolling in a Graduate International Pathway will add one additional semester to their overall master's degree program.

The following are the available Graduate International Pathways at INTO Mason to degrees in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at GMU:

- Communication
- Economics
- English - Linguistics
- Global Affairs
- MAIS - Social Entrepreneurship

The following are the types of pathways available:

- **One Term pathways (Accelerated):** These pathways lead students through their first semester of graduate school. Upon completion of all matriculation requirements, students will move on to their degree-seeking program often with several graduate credits completed as determined by the graduate degree program. One CHSS pathways the one-term option available (Economics only).
- **Two Term pathways (Standard):** These pathways lead students through their first year of graduate school. Upon completion of all matriculation requirements, students will move on to their degree-seeking program often with several graduate credits completed as determined by the graduate degree program. All CHSS pathways have two-term options available.
- **Bridge pathways:** These pathways provide foundational coursework designed to substitute for an additional year of undergraduate academic coursework, to render students with three-year baccalaureate degrees eligible to move on to their graduate degree program. Students will often move on to those degree-seeking programs with several graduate credits completed as determined by the graduate degree program. Two of the three pathways have Bridge options available (all except Linguistics).

INTO Mason Graduate Pathway Programs often require credit loads above the established 11-credit limit for non-degree students. These Pathways are built to provide additional language and cultural support to international and multilingual students seeking master's degrees via the Pathways. #This support is reflected in the additional courses

required for Graduate Pathway students, which result in a curriculum that exceeds the university's Academic Load policies. These required additional courses include English for Academic Purposes and Cultural Transition courses along with classes in their future degree programs. This academic load has resulted in better graduation rates overall for INTO Mason students as compared to their directly admitted classmates and similar GPAs. Each program's requirement section indicates the semesters when an overload is required.

Graduate International Pathways are designed for international students who:

- Need further English language development. Students who require a moderate amount of English language support can enter all available International Pathways to strengthen their language proficiency and ensure their long-term academic success
- Fall short of meeting the minimum GPA or admission test score requirements
- Need to improve study skills for success in their chosen field of study
- Require a fourth year of undergraduate study. Students who hold three-year baccalaureate degrees that are not formally evaluated as equivalent to a four-year U.S. bachelor's degree may enter many Graduate International Pathways. For these students, their pathway acts as a "bridge" enhancing their international educational background with academic coursework to meet the eligibility for admission to a GMU graduate degree program
- Any or all of the above

Administered through INTO Mason (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/international-programs-resources/into-mason/#text>) in partnership with the academic units across the university, the courses in each Graduate International Pathway are taught by highly qualified Mason instructional faculty members and supported by International Pathways academic advisors.

Students enrolled in any Graduate International Pathway should review the program's student guidebook for specific details related to program requirements and expectations.

Program Requirements

The following Graduate International Pathways are offered by INTO Mason in collaboration with the College of Humanities and Social Sciences:

Communication Graduate Pathway

The following grid is for the first semester of the Standard, 2-semester Pathway into the Master of Arts in Communications degree:

Code	Title	Credits
Standard semester 1 of 2¹		
COMM 600	Introduction to Graduate Studies	3
EAP 506	Graduate Communication in the Disciplines I	4
INYO 504	Transitions for International Graduate Students	3

EAP 410	Language Support for International Students	2
Total Credits		12

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A credit overload is required in this semester.

The following grid is for the second semester of the Standard, 2-semester Pathway into the Master of Arts in Communications degree:

Code	Title	Credits
Standard semester 2 of 2¹		
COMM class		3
COMM class		3
EAP 507	Advanced Graduate Communication Across the Disciplines	4
INYO 505	Intercultural Competence and Professional Development for Multilingual Graduate Students	1
EAP 401	Advanced English Grammar for Multilingual Students	1
Total Credits		12

1

A credit overload is required in this semester.

The following grid is for the single semester of the Accelerated, 1-semester Pathway into the Master of Arts in Communications degree:

Code	Title	Credits
Accelerated semester 1 of 1¹		
COMM 600	Introduction to Graduate Studies	3
COMM class		3
INYO 504	Transitions for International Graduate Students	3
EAP 507	Advanced Graduate Communication Across the Disciplines	4
EAP 401	Advanced English Grammar for Multilingual Students	1
Total Credits		14

1

A credit overload is required in this semester.

The following grid is for the first semester of the Bridge Pathway pathway into the Master of Arts in Communications degree:

Code	Title	Credits
Bridge semester 1 of 2¹		
Upper-level undergraduate course		3
COMM 600	Introduction to Graduate Studies	3
EAP 507	Advanced Graduate Communication Across the Disciplines	4
INYO 505	Intercultural Competence and Professional Development for Multilingual Graduate Students	1

EAP 401	Advanced English Grammar for Multilingual Students	1
Total Credits		12

1

A credit overload is required in this semester.

The following grid is for the second semester of the Bridge Pathway pathway into the Master of Arts in Communications degree:

Code	Title	Credits
Bridge semester 2 of 2¹		
Upper-level undergraduate course		3
COMM Class		3
EAP 507	Advanced Graduate Communication Across the Disciplines	4
INYO 505	Intercultural Competence and Professional Development for Multilingual Graduate Students	1
EAP 401	Advanced English Grammar for Multilingual Students	1
Total Credits		12

1

A credit overload is required this semester.

Economics Graduate Pathway

The following grid is for the first semester of the Standard, 2-semester Pathway into the Master of Arts in Economics degree:

Code	Title	Credits
Standard semester 1 of 2¹		
ECON 630	Mathematical Economics I	3
EAP 506	Graduate Communication in the Disciplines I	4
INYO 504	Transitions for International Graduate Students	3
EAP 410	Language Support for International Students	2
Total Credits		12

1

A credit overload is required in this semester.

The following grid is for the second semester of the Standard, 2-semester Pathway into the Master of Arts in Economics degree:

Code	Title	Credits
Standard semester 2 of 2¹		
ECON 615	Macroeconomic Theory	3
ECON 535	Survey of Applied Econometrics	3
	or ECON Elective	
EAP 507	Advanced Graduate Communication Across the Disciplines	4
INYO 505	Intercultural Competence and Professional Development for Multilingual Graduate Students	1

EAP 401	Advanced English Grammar for Multilingual Students	1
Total Credits		12

1
A credit overload is required in this semester.

The following grid is for the single semester of the Accelerated, 1-semester Pathway into the Master of Arts in Economics degree:

Code	Title	Credits
Accelerated semester 1 of 1¹		
ECON 630	Mathematical Economics I	3
ECON 611	Microeconomic Theory	3
or ECON Elective		
EAP 507	Advanced Graduate Communication Across the Disciplines	4
INYO 504	Transitions for International Graduate Students	3
EAP 401	Advanced English Grammar for Multilingual Students	1
Total Credits		14

1
A credit overload is required in this semester.

The following grid is for the first semester of the Bridge Pathway pathway into the Master of Arts in Economics degree:

Code	Title	Credits
Bridge semester 1 of 2¹		
Upper-level undergraduate course		3
ECON 630	Mathematical Economics I	3
EAP 506	Graduate Communication in the Disciplines I	4
INYO 504	Transitions for International Graduate Students	3
Total Credits		13

1
A credit overload is required in this semester.

The following grid is for the second semester of the Bridge Pathway pathway into the Master of Arts in Economics degree:

Code	Title	Credits
Bridge semester 2 of 2¹		
Upper-level undergraduate course		3
ECON 535	Survey of Applied Econometrics	3
EAP 507	Advanced Graduate Communication Across the Disciplines	4
INYO 505	Intercultural Competence and Professional Development for Multilingual Graduate Students	1
EAP 401	Advanced English Grammar for Multilingual Students	1
Total Credits		12

1
A credit overload is required in this semester.

Linguistics Graduate Pathway

The following grid is for the first semester of the Standard, 2-semester Pathway into the Master of Arts in English - Linguistics degree:

Code	Title	Credits
Standard semester 1 of 2¹		
LING 500	Linguistic Variation	3
or LING 506	Introduction to Linguistic Analysis	
EAP 506	Graduate Communication in the Disciplines I	4
INYO 504	Transitions for International Graduate Students	3
EAP 410	Language Support for International Students	2
Total Credits		12

1
A credit overload is required in this semester.

The following grid is for the second semester of the Standard, 2-semester Pathway into the Master of Arts in English - Linguistics degree:

Code	Title	Credits
Standard semester 2 of 2¹		
Take two courses from the following lists (with only one course coming from List B)		6
List A: LING 500 or 506, LING 521, LING 522, LING 523		
List B: LING 532, 532, 535, 536, 537, 538, 542		
EAP 507	Advanced Graduate Communication Across the Disciplines	4
INYO 505	Intercultural Competence and Professional Development for Multilingual Graduate Students	1
EAP 401	Advanced English Grammar for Multilingual Students	1
Total Credits		12

1
A credit overload is required in this semester.

Global Affairs Graduate Pathway

The following grid is for the first semester of the Standard, 2-semester Pathway into the Master of Arts in Global Affairs degree:

Code	Title	Credits
Standard semester 1 of 2¹		
GLOA 600	Global Competencies	3
EAP 410	Language Support for International Students	2
EAP 506	Graduate Communication in the Disciplines I	4
INYO 504	Transitions for International Graduate Students	3
Total Credits		12

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A credit overload is required in this semester.

The following grid is for the second semester of the Standard, 2-semester Pathway into the Master of Arts in Global Affairs degree:

Code	Title	Credits
Standard semester 2 of 2¹		
GLOA 605	Interdisciplinary Research Methods	3
GLOA 610	Economic Globalization and Development	3
EAP 507	Advanced Graduate Communication Across the Disciplines	4
INYO 505	Intercultural Competence and Professional Development for Multilingual Graduate Students	1
EAP 401	Advanced English Grammar for Multilingual Students	1
Total Credits		12

1

A credit overload is required in this semester.

The following grid is for the single semester of the Accelerated, 1-semester Pathway into the Master of Arts in Global Affairs degree:

Code	Title	Credits
Accelerated semester 1 of 1¹		
GLOA 600	Global Competencies	3
GLOA 610	Economic Globalization and Development	3
INYO 504	Transitions for International Graduate Students	3
EAP 507	Advanced Graduate Communication Across the Disciplines	4
EAP 401	Advanced English Grammar for Multilingual Students	1
Total Credits		14

1

A credit overload is required in this semester.

The following grid is for the first semester of the Bridge Pathway into the Master of Arts in Global Affairs degree:

Code	Title	Credits
Bridge semester 1 of 2¹		
Upper-level undergraduate course		3
GLOA 600	Global Competencies	3
EAP 506	Graduate Communication in the Disciplines I	4
INYO 504	Transitions for International Graduate Students	3
Total Credits		13

1

A credit overload is required in this semester.

The following grid is for the second semester of the Bridge Pathway into the Master of Arts in Global Affairs degree:

Code	Title	Credits
Bridge semester 2 of 2¹		
Upper-level undergraduate course		3

GLOA 605	Interdisciplinary Research Methods	3
GLOA 610	Economic Globalization and Development	3
EAP 507	Advanced Graduate Communication Across the Disciplines	4
INYO 505	Intercultural Competence and Professional Development for Multilingual Graduate Students	1
EAP 401	Advanced English Grammar for Multilingual Students	1
Total Credits		15

1

A credit overload is required in this semester.

Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies with Concentration in Social Entrepreneurship Graduate Pathway

The following grid is for the first semester of the Standard 2-semester Pathway to the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies with the Social Entrepreneurship Concentration:

Code	Title	Credits
Semester 1 of 2¹		
GBUS 613	Financial Reporting and Decision Making	3
EAP 506	Graduate Communication in the Disciplines I	4
INYO 504	Transitions for International Graduate Students	3
EAP 410	Language Support for International Students	2
Total Credits		12

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This semester requires a credit overload.

The following grid is for the second semester of the Standard 2-semester Pathway to the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies with the Social Entrepreneurship Concentration:

Code	Title	Credits
Semester 2 of 2¹		
INTS 540	Contemporary Issues in Social Justice Human Rights	3
INTS 575	Special Topics	3-4
EAP 507	Advanced Graduate Communication Across the Disciplines	4
EAP 401	Advanced English Grammar for Multilingual Students	1
INYO 504	Transitions for International Graduate Students	3
Total Credits		14-15

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This semester requires a credit overload.

The following grid is for the single semester of the Accelerated Pathway to the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies with the Social Entrepreneurship Concentration:

Code	Title	Credits
Semester 1 of 1 ¹		
INTS 540	Contemporary Issues in Social Justice Human Rights	3
GBUS 613	Financial Reporting and Decision Making	3
EAP 507	Advanced Graduate Communication Across the Disciplines	4
INYO 504	Transitions for International Graduate Students	3
EAP 401	Advanced English Grammar for Multilingual Students	1
Total Credits		14

¹

This semester requires a credit overload.

The following grid is for the first semester of the Bridge Pathway to the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies with the Social Entrepreneurship Concentration:

Code	Title	Credits
Semester 1 of 2 ¹		
Upper-level Undergraduate Course		3
GBUS 613	Financial Reporting and Decision Making	3
EAP 506	Graduate Communication in the Disciplines I	4
INYO 504	Transitions for International Graduate Students	3
Total Credits		13

¹

This semester requires a credit overload.

The following grid is for the second semester of the Bridge Pathway to the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies with the Social Entrepreneurship Concentration:

Code	Title	Credits
Semester 2 of 2 ¹		
Upper-level Undergraduate Course		3
INTS 540	Contemporary Issues in Social Justice Human Rights	3
EAP 507	Advanced Graduate Communication Across the Disciplines	4
EAP 401	Advanced English Grammar for Multilingual Students	1
INYO 505	Intercultural Competence and Professional Development for Multilingual Graduate Students	1
Total Credits		12

¹

This semester requires a credit overload.